

Energy Committee Meeting
3 January 2011
5:30pm – WSCR
Minutes taken by Nora E. McGrath

In attendance: Sid Lindsley, Janis Gilley, Bennett Bricker, Martin Cates, Des Fitzgerald, Richard Knowlton.

Absent: Peter Kalajian, Leonard Lookner, Brian Robinson

- 1) Review and vote on 6 December 2010 EC Meeting Minutes:

It was decided to table vote until next month.

- 2) Other Business:

Nothing presently

- 3) Introduction to new E.C. Member Janis Gilley:

Welcome and thank you for your time.

- 4) Municipal Solar Energy:

Carmen Cherry looked at the waste-water building and found that the frame of the building is not up to code and will not work for solar panels (Note: emails between Gartley and Dorskey and Carmen C. will be redistributed to E.C. members). Rick K., Peter K., and Brian R. have been working on this with Ross Parker and Bill Behrens. They will go back to the drawing board and look into other town buildings that may be able to handle such a load. More to come...

- 5) Update on Idling:

There is no fault with revised policy draft. The policy encourages no idling and hopes to promote this policy in the form of education and signage. Tom Hopps would like the E.C. to take a vote to recommend this revised policy to the Select Board for approval.

Sid L. made said motion and Bennett B. seconded it. The motion passed unanimously in a 5-0-0 vote.

- 6) Update on Hydro:

Ross Parker has been busy working his list of things to do (now new motor and shaft) and is working with Evolution on shaft system. The question of noise has been answered by insulation on the power house, and was helped by neighbors closing their windows for winter months. It is very hopeful to have the second turbine up and running by April and Spring run-off. Paul Cartwright is proposing software to automate and the statistics will also be online for anyone to view.

- 7) Update on street lighting.

Peter K. is working on this and will update when he is in attendance.

- 8) Update on energy audit for town building:

Rockport's vendor, H. L. Turner was asked to do a walk through on the Opera House Building with Roberta Smith, Brian Robinson, Blaine Buck, Mark Blair of Efficiency Maine. The focus of this was to be on balancing and rehabbing the existing system. No word yet. Can E.C. make a case for the budget with this audit? More to come.

Next Meeting 7 February 2011 – 5:30 pm WSCR

Adjourn